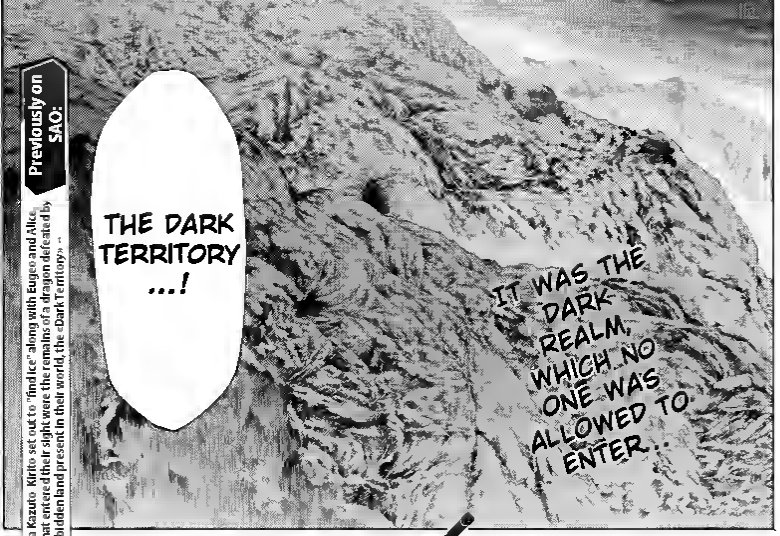
Previously on SAO:
Having lost his memories as Kirigaya Kazuto, Kirito set out to "find Ice" along with Eugeo and Alice, residents of a virtual world. There, what entered their sight were the remains of a dragon defeated by someone -- along with the forbidden land present in their world, the «Dark Territory». --
THE DARK TERRITORY ...!
IT WAS THE DARK REALM, WHICH NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO ENTER...

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SFX GUAAH
SFX GRRR!
SFX SWOOSH
SFX CLANG!
A DRAGON KNIGHT ...!!

SFX CLASH!
AN INTEGRITY KNIGHT
WO WOW!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING
BATTLING THE DARK FORCES ---?!
SFX CLASH!

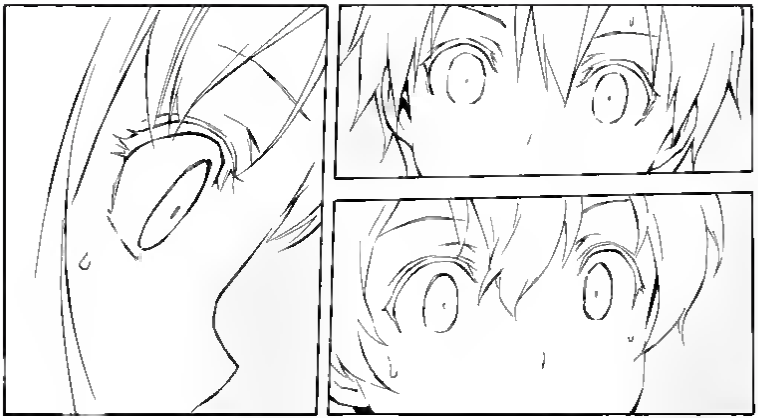
THE INTEGRITY KNIGHTS ARE THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD!
CAN HE WIN?
TH- THERE'S NO WAY HE'D LOSE TO SOMEONE LIKE A DARK KNIGHT
SFX: GWAARGH!
SFX: GSSHHH!
!!

SFX BRRR
SFX ZUPSHT
SFX FWOOSH!

SFX CRASH!
SFX REACH

ALICE, YOU CAN'T!!
AH.
SFX TRIP

SFX: CRASH



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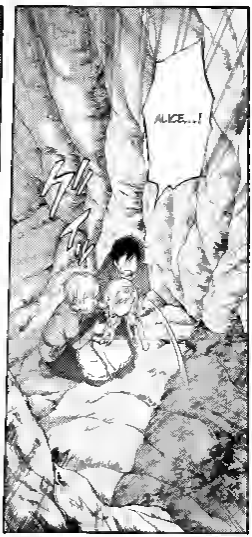
"Under no circumstances shall anyone cross over the mountain range surrounding the edge of the Human Empire."

I...
I...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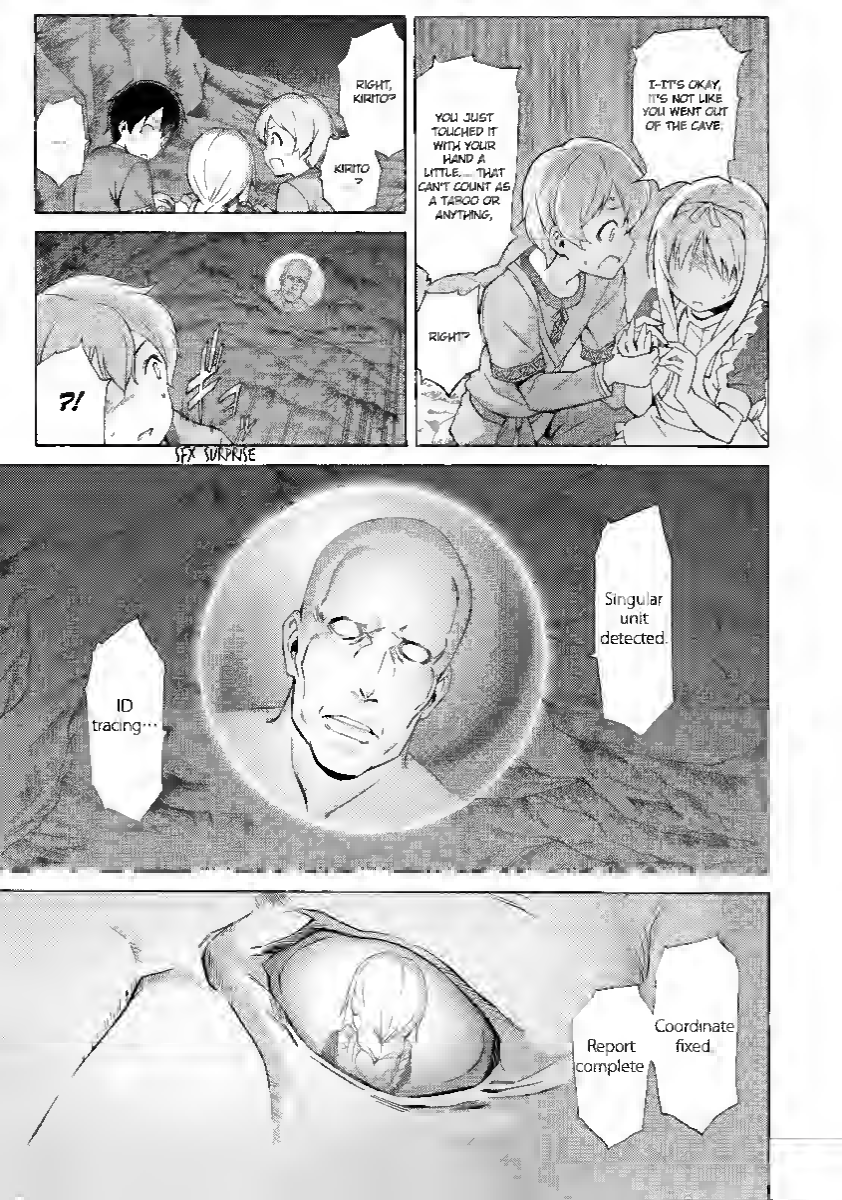
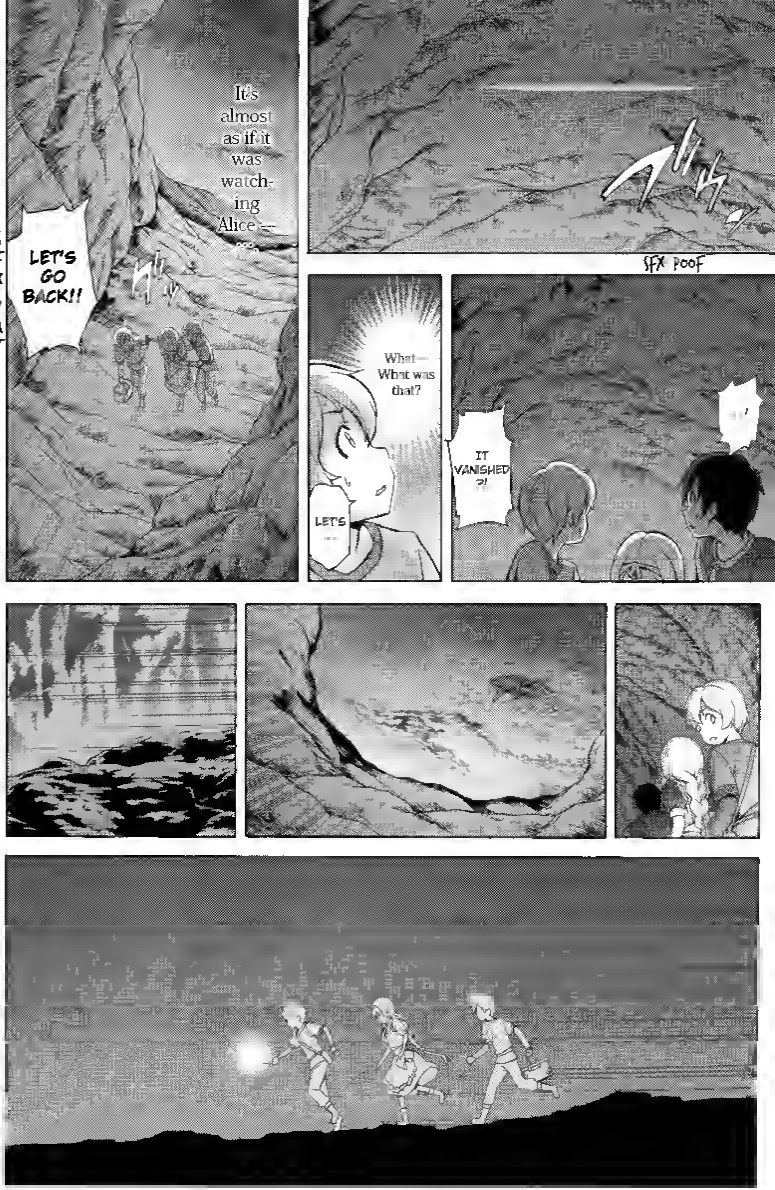
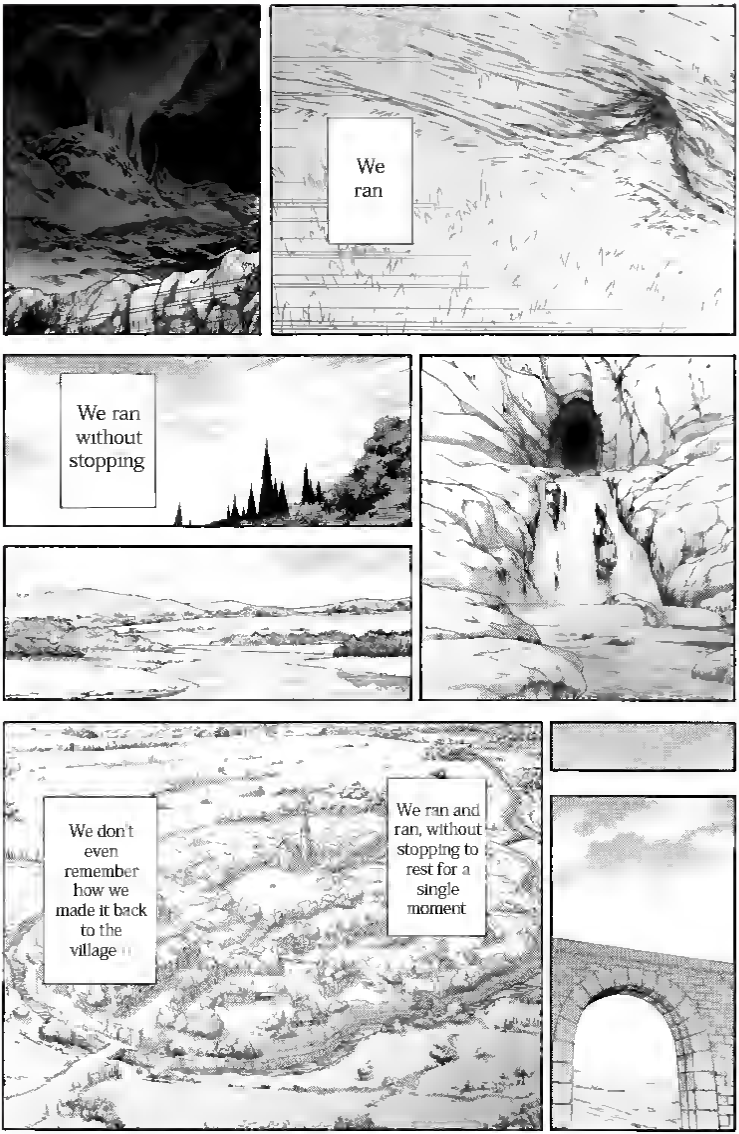

RIGHT, KIRITO?
KIRITO ?
I-IT'S OKAY, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WENT OUT OF THE CAVE.
YOU JUST TOUCHED IT WITH YOUR HAND A LITTLE... THAT CAN'T COUNT AS A TABOO OR ANYTHING,
RIGHT?
?!
SFX SURPRISE
Singular unit detected.
ID tracing…
Coordinate fixed.
Report complete.


SFX PAT
LET'S GO BACK!!
It's almost as if it was watching Alice...
SFX POOF
What— What was that?
LET'S
IT VANISHED ?!


We ran
We ran without stopping
We don't even remember how we made it back to the village...
We ran and ran, without stopping to rest for a single moment

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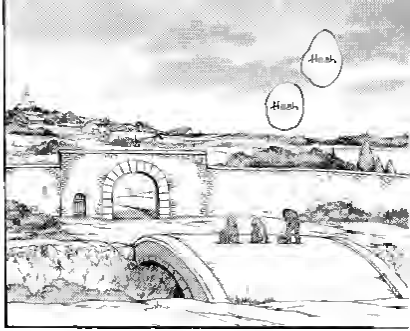
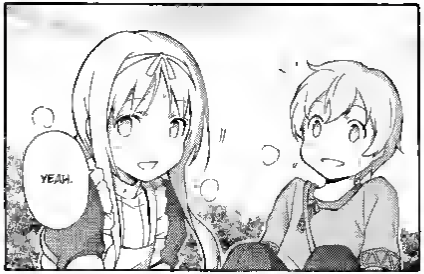
SFX: WHEW

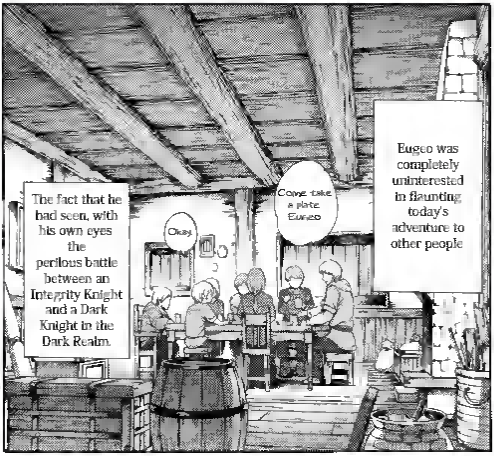

Hush.
Hush.

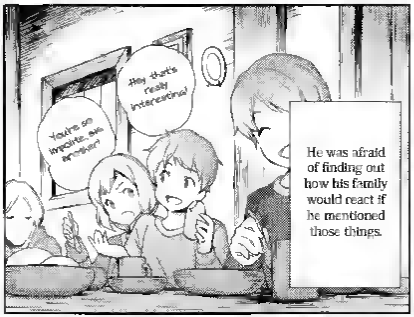

YEAH.

LET'S GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE
COME ON.

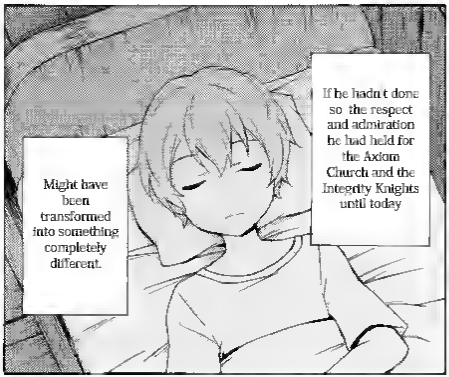
TO REWARD YOUR HARD WORK BACK THERE, I'LL BE GOING ALL OUT!
LOOK FORWARD TO TOMORROW'S LUNCH BOXES!

WELL... I'LL GO PUT THE ICE BASKET INTO THE CELLAR.
OKAY
BYE-BYE


The fact that he had seen, with his own eyes the perilous battle between an Integrity Knight and a Dark Knight in the Dark Realm.
Okay
Come take a plate, Eugeo
Eugeo was completely uninterested in flaunting today's adventure to other people

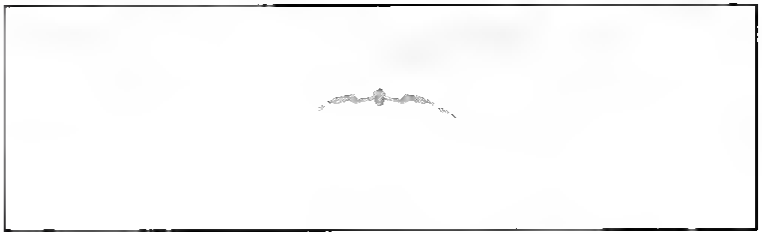

You're an Integrity Knight, aren't you?
Hey, that's really interesting!
He was afraid of finding out how his family would react if he mentioned those things.

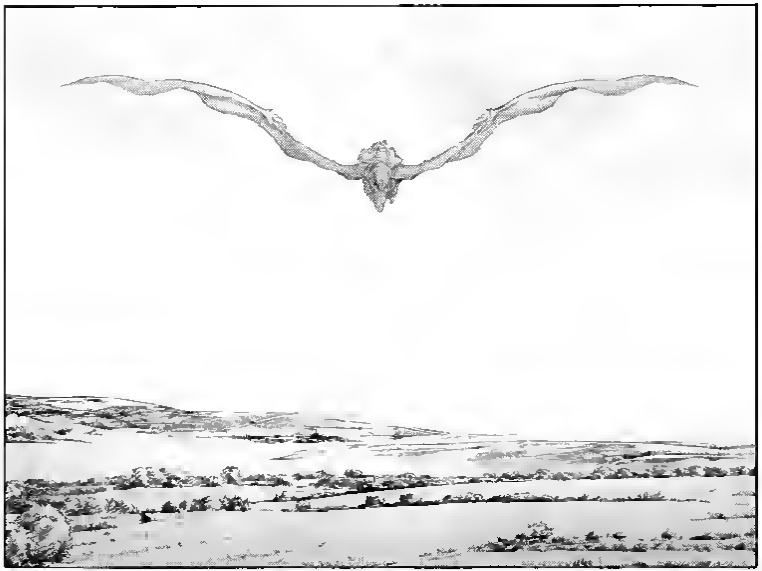
The part about being spied upon by a bizarre face

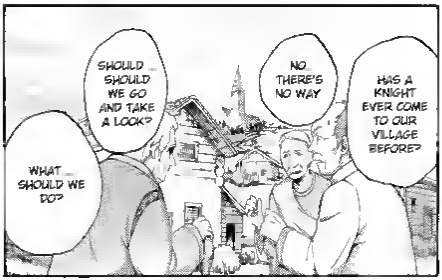

Might have been transformed into something completely different.
If he hadn't done so, the respect and admiration he had held for the Axiom Church and the Integrity Knights until today

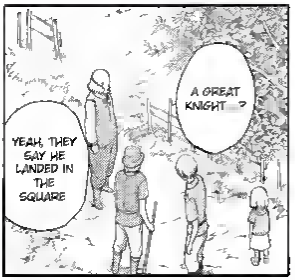
Eugeo decided to forget everything he had seen at the very end of their adventure.
Good night
Good night

A huge ruckus shook the village.
However the next day







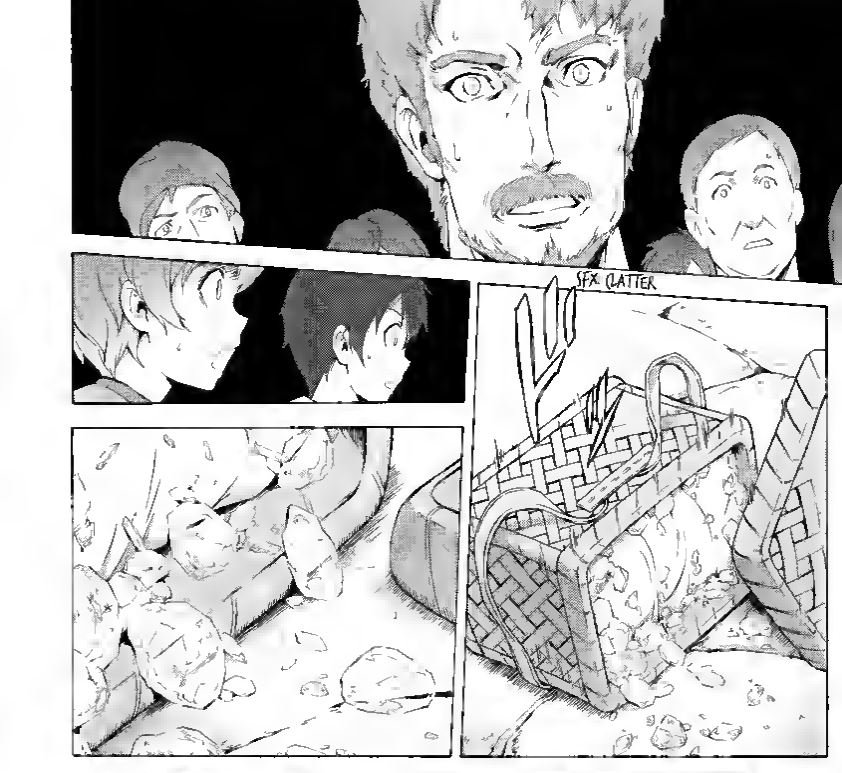


SFX: PAT PAT PAT

THERE'S NO WAY.... HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
JUST THAT WAS ENOUGH TO CAUSE THIS.
WOW
THAT'S A DRAGON.
SFX CHATTER
THERE SHE IS!
ALICE!
YOU TWO!
SFX PAT PAT
SFX CHATTER

AH, ESTEEMED FATHER
IT'S JUST... IF THAT INTEGRITY KNIGHT HAPPENS TO BE
STAY QUIET. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE STILL CAN.
HUH. WHY?
I AM GASUFT ZUBERG, THE VILLAGE CHIEF
IT IS AN UNSPEAKABLE HONOR THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY, OF THE INTEGRITY KNIGHTS WHO DISCIPLINE THE WHOLE OF THE HUMAN EMPIRE, WOULD VISIT OUR HUMBLE VILLAGE IN THESE REMOTE REGIONS—
I AM DEUSOLBERT SYNTHESIS SEVEN.
INTEGRITY KNIGHT OF THE AXIOM CHURCH, SUPERVISING THE NORLANGARTH NORTH EMPIRE.
SFX: CLACK

ALICE ZUBERG!
I HEREBY ARREST, DETAIN, AND SENTENCE YOU,
FOR VIOLATION OF THE TABOO INDEX!
YOUR CRIME IS VIOLATING PART ONE, SECTION THREE, ARTICLE ELEVEN OF THE TABOO INDEX AND ENTERING THE DARK TERRITORY!



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